

# VAN COTT FOR THE POST OFFICE.

Once More He Will Handle the Mail for the City of New York.

HE IS A MACHINE MAN.

Ever Since the War He Has Been Prominent in Republican Politics.

CHANGES WHICH MAY FOLLOW.

Some of the Superintendents Who Came in with Dayton, Who Resigned, Expect to Lose Their Jobs.

For the second time, Cornelius Van Cott is to be postmaster of New York City. President McKinley sent his name to the Senate yesterday, and after his nomination has been confirmed and he has filed his bond of \$500,000 he will assume the duties of the office made vacant by the resignation of Charles W. Dayton. This will probably be about May 1.

Mr. Van Cott is of Revolutionary descent, and was born in this city, February 12, 1828. He began business life with the American Tract Society as a hand press printer. Later he became apprenticed to a carriage builder, and within a few years opened an establishment of his own. Next Mr. Van Cott became a director of the Aetna Fire Insurance Company. Within two years he rose to the vice-presidency, and retired only to enter politics.

In 1860 President Grant made him a deputy revenue collector. Mr. Van Cott was a reformer, and he assumed a most vigorous attitude in the campaign that resulted in the overthrow of the Tweed gang and the election of William Havemeyer to the Mayorship.

From 1878 to 1885, with the exception of four years, Mr. Van Cott was a member of the Fire Commission and accomplished much for the department. In 1887 he was elected to the New York State Senate from the Eleventh District.

In 1880 President Grant was appointed

key had a certainty. He is a personal friend of the Mayor, and has distinguished himself in Twenty-fifth Ward battles against the Willits organization. Sharkey is, besides, a member of the Republican State Committee from the Fourth District. His candidacy had an unusually influential but machine endorsement. Senator T. C. Platt, Congressman Fletcher House and Bennett had worked indefatigably in his interest; the organizations of twenty-nine of the thirty-two wards of Kings County had signed his petition, and party workers had gone to Washington to see McKinley for him.

Frank A. Moore lives in the Twenty-third Ward, in South Brooklyn, and is president of the Republican Club of this ward. He is principal of Greenpoint Public School No. 34. His candidacy was endorsed by Congressman Wilson and City Works Commissioner Willis, leader of the anti-War faction. Ernest J. Kaltenbach and Walter B. Artberg, who were three of the four delegates to the St. Louis Convention that voted for McKinley on the first ballot for President.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Colonel Archie Baxter, clerk of the Assembly, was applicant. He was too closely identified with the machine to suit President McKinley, so that the nomination of Niagara County, a McKinley delegate to the National Convention, was selected as a compromise candidate. He refused to accept the place, and Mr. Merritt was endorsed for the office by Congressman Wadsworth, of Genesee. Mr. Merritt is a neutral in Republican politics. The sentiment of party workers here goes to McKinley before the nomination.

President McKinley yesterday named Melvin M. Conklin as Postmaster of New York City. Conklin was endorsed by ex-Senator J. Sloat Bassett. His opponent was a member of the McKinley League, and backed by John E. Milholland.

## WHEAT MARKET FITFUL.

Prices Lower at the Opening and Fluctuate Rapidly During the Day on Selling Orders.

On 'Change, Tuesday, April 20.

Following are the cash prices for staple commercial products:

Wheat, No. 2 red..... 85 1/2 @  
Corn, No. 2 mixed..... 30 1/2 @  
Oats, No. 2 mixed..... 22 @  
Cotton, middling..... 10 1/2 @  
Coffee, No. 7 Rio..... 07 1/2 @  
Sugar, No. 11..... 04 1/2 @  
Lard, prime..... 4 1/2 @  
Molasses, O. K., prime..... 26 @  
Butter, State creamery..... 15 1/2 @  
Cheese, State, full cream..... 12 1/2 @  
Eggs, Western..... 06 1/2 @  
Potatoes, Long Island..... 1.03 @

The nervous tension which existed in the wheat market yesterday was not nearly so noticeable to-day. The sharp edge of the war seems had worn off, at least for the time being, and most operators faced the situation more calmly. The market opened amid great excitement. It is true, but this was in a great measure a reaction from the panicky feeling of yesterday, when everybody was in a strain to buy, for to-day they seemed equally anxious to sell.

Soon after business got fairly under way, however, trade became quiet and at times it was actually dull. This was to some extent because every one was disposed to let

The lack of foreign interest in the war situation brought on a rally in cotton to-day. Prices opened steady at a net gain of 1 to 5 points, and were firmly held throughout the day. The Liverpool market was again closed and this had a tendency to lessen local trade. Speculative interest was rather light and most of the business was of a board room character. No news of import was received from the flooded districts. The market closed steady at a net gain of 1 to 4 points. Sales for the day were \$3,000 bales. Spot cotton was quiet and steady, with middling uplands quoted at 7 1/2-8c.

Corn receipts to-day were 10,094 bales, against 9,417 on the same day last week and 11,995 on the same day a year ago. Prices:

April..... 6.08 7.03 6.07 6.94@6.96  
May..... 6.02 7.00 6.02 6.92@6.94  
June..... 6.03 7.12 6.05 6.97@6.98  
July..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98  
August..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98  
September..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98  
October..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98  
November..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98  
December..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98  
January..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98  
February..... 6.08 7.15 6.08 6.97@6.98

## THE COFFEE MARKET.

The coffee market was active and a great deal lower to-day. Prices opened at a net loss of 10 to 35 points, and after a day of active and general business closed at a net loss of 20 to 45 points. The decline was due to very bearish estimates of the Brazilian crop situation and large receipts at the Brazilian ports. The stock of Brazil coffee in New York is 332,200 bags, and warehouse deliveries to-day were 18,500 bags at this port.

Some one else takes the initiative, but was more due to the fact that the majority believed that the European war would not become as general as it was first expected to.

This latter conviction was forced by the action of cables from Liverpool. Though they came in at an advance of 3 1/2c, here yesterday, this showing that England did not consider the situation as serious as American did, British consols, however, told a different tale by declining 3/4c. This steadied the market here to a degree and prevented the final loss from being greater than it was. The bulls expected an advance in the cables at least equal to yesterday's gain here, and when it did not come they threw over quite a good deal of long stock, and the over ready bears took advantage of the opportunity and did some short selling.

The market opened with May options quoted at 70 1/2c, to 70 3/4c, a loss of 2 1/2c, to 2 3/4c. About 1c of this was recovered only to be lost almost at once. All morning after this price fluctuated rapidly in a narrow margin around the opening figures. In the afternoon a rally of nearly a cent was scored, and traders' statement showing a decrease for the week of 2,948,000 bushels in the world's available supply and closed nervous at the improvement. The greater decline was in April options, in which little business is done.

The cash market was dull and lower. Sales were 67,000 bushels. The flour market was quiet and 5c, to 10c, lower to sell. Trade was narrow. Nothing was doing in provisions. Prices closed unchanged to 2 1/2 points decline.

Following is the day's range of prices:

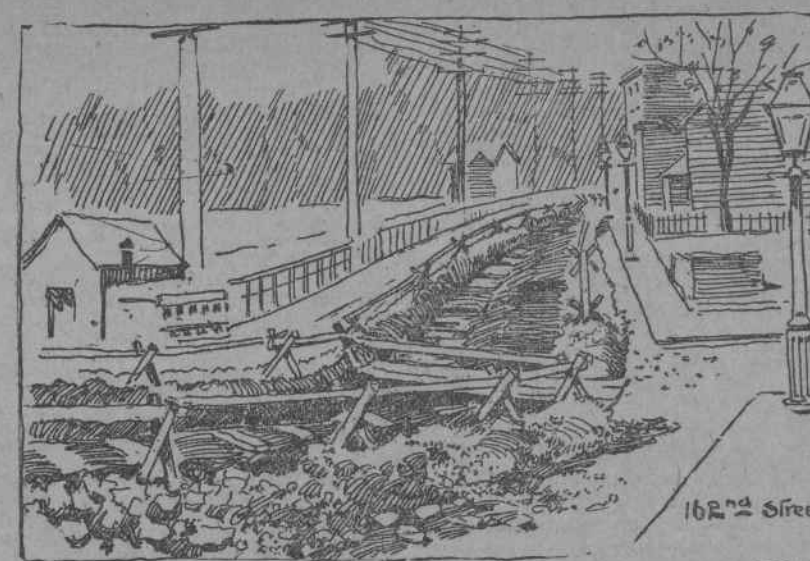
WHEAT.  
April..... 81 1/2 81 1/2 81 1/2 81 1/2  
May..... 79 1/4 80 1/2 79 1/4 80 1/2  
June..... 78 1/2 79 1/2 78 1/2 79 1/2  
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August..... 78 1/2 79 1/2 78 1/2 79 1/2  
September..... 78 1/2 79 1/2 78 1/2 79 1/2  
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December..... 78 1/2 79 1/2 78 1/2 79 1/2  
January..... 78 1/2 79 1/2 78 1/2 79 1/2  
February..... 78 1/2 79 1/2 78 1/2 79 1/2

CORN.  
April..... 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2  
May..... 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2  
June..... 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2  
July..... 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2  
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December..... 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2  
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February..... 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2

OATS.  
April..... 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2  
May..... 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2 22 1/2  
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LARD.  
April..... 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2  
May..... 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2  
June..... 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2  
July..... 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2  
August..... 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2  
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February..... 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2

Every machine man assumed that Shar-



Chicago.	WHEAT.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
May.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
June.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
July.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
August.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
September.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
October.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
November.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
December.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
January.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
February.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
March.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2

Chicago.	CORN.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
May.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
June.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
July.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
August.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
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December.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
January.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
February.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
March.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2

Chicago.	OATS.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
May.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
June.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
July.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
August.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
September.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
October.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
November.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
December.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
January.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
February.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
March.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2

Chicago.	LARD.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
May.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
June.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
July.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
August.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
September.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
October.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
November.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
December.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
January.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
February.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
March.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2

Chicago.	RYE.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
May.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
June.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
July.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
August.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
September.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
October.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
November.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
December.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
January.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
February.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
March.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2

Chicago.	OTHER MARKETS.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
May.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
June.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
July.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
August.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
September.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
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November.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
December.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
January.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
February.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
March.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2

Chicago.	WHEAT.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
May.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
June.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
July.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
August.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
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October.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
November.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
December.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
January.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
February.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
March.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2

Chicago.	CORN.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
May.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
June.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
July.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
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December.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
January.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
February.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
March.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2

Chicago.	OATS.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
May.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
June.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
July.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
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December.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
January.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
February.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
March.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2

Chicago.	LARD.	High.	Low.	Close.
April.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
May.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
June.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
July.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
August.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
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December.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42